

August 29, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 2.5 GHz Transition Initiation Plan for the Michigan City-La Porte, IN BTA294
WT Docket No. 06-136

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 27.1231(f) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(f), Sprint Nextel Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary American Telecasting Development, Inc. (collectively "Sprint Nextel") hereby submit this Initiation Plan to transition the Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") and Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") licensees in Basic Trading Area ("BTA") 294 – Michigan City-La Porte, IN.¹ As indicated below, this Initiation Plan filing includes: (i) identification of the BTA being transitioned; (ii) a list by call sign of all of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned; (iii) a "best estimate" of when the transition will be completed; (iv) a statement confirming that licensees in adjoining or adjacent BTA(s) need not be transitioned to avoid interference to licensees in the subject BTA being transitioned; and (v) a certification that Sprint Nextel has the funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(i), List of BTAs.

The BTA being transitioned is listed in Exhibit A.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(ii), List of Transitioning Licensees.

A list by call sign of all BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned is provided in Exhibit A.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iii), Best Estimate for Completion.

After evaluating the various factors at issue in transitioning this BTA, including the number of licensees being transitioned, Sprint Nextel's best estimate for completion of this transition is not later than July 31, 2007.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iv), Statement on Adjacent BTAs.

Sprint Nextel has determined that it is unnecessary to transition any BRS/EBS licensees in adjacent or adjoining BTAs in order to avoid interference to the licensees in the markets that are the subject of this Initiation Plan. Our analysis shows that there will be no harmful interference to the transitioned licensees from existing operations outside the BTA. However, if field measurements indicate interference from operations outside the BTA, Sprint Nextel will

¹ Sprint Nextel is eligible to serve as the proponent to transition this area under Section 27.1231(c)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(c). Sprint Nextel has also satisfied all necessary conditions for filing an Initiation Plan. In the instant case, Sprint Nextel is the only BRS or EBS licensee in the BTA and, therefore, no Pre-Transition Data Request or Transition Notice to other BRS and EBS licensees in the subject BTA is required. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1231(d)-(e).

incorporate the interfering licensee(s) into this transition or initiate transition for the BTA of the interfering licensee(s).

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(v), Statement on Co-Proponent.

Not applicable. Sprint Nextel is not transitioning this market jointly with a co-proponent.

Section 27.1231(f)(1)(vi), Certification of Funds.

Sprint Nextel certifies, based on the data collected through the Pre-Transition Data Requests, that it has sufficient funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition. As of March 31, 2006, as reported in Sprint Nextel's SEC Form 10-Q, Sprint Nextel had total assets of \$102.77 billion, unaudited.²

In the event you have any questions regarding the Initiation Plan, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4222.

Sincerely,



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Government Affairs
Sprint Nextel Corporation

Attachment

cc: Joel Taubenblatt, Chief, Broadband Division, WTB
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² See Sprint Nextel Corporation Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2006.

EXHIBIT A

Sprint Nextel is transitioning the Michigan City-La Porte, IN BTA. The following list sets forth, by call sign, all BRS and EBS licensees that are being transitioned pursuant to this Initiation Plan.

Call Sign	Licensee Name	BTA
B294	American Telecasting Development , Inc.	BTA294